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FERMENTATION

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on June 19, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and comments be entered into the file of this application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a copy of the deposit receipt, a letter regarding prior art, and additional copies of the formal drawings previously submitted but apparently not yet received by the Examiner.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks being on page 5 of this paper.

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